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Stokowski et al.

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INSPECTING RETICLES USING **AERIAL IMAGING AND DIE-TO-**

DATABASE DETECTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2005 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.